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# The Heart Is an Instrument

## Portraits in Journalism

Madeleine Blais

*Foreword by Geneva Overholser*

Pulitzer prize-winning journalist Madeleine Blais is perhaps best known for her insightful essays chronicling the experiences of the disadvantaged and dispossessed members of our society. But even when she trains her journalistic eye on individuals in less extreme circumstances, what sets her writing apart is a remarkable talent for conveying the psychological reality of each subject's world. In this volume, she has gathered fifteen of her most memorable essays, vivid portraits that speak to the realities of contemporary American experience.

With honesty and compassion, she tells the stories of a schizophrenic woman who lives in a bus station in an affluent Florida city, a teenage prostitute with AIDS whose knowledge of the disease is as limited and broken as her understanding of the forces that led her to a life in the streets, and an immigrant Jamaican housekeeper whose life is enriched by the sacrifices she makes for the people back home. There are riveting profiles of a twelve-year-old boy who killed his mother and brother, an eighty-three-year-old veteran still fighting a private war, a poet and her daughter



with Down syndrome, and a social activist who keeps nightly vigils for her dead lover. Other chapters include conversations with novelist Mary Gordon and biographer Justin Kaplan, and a haunting profile of playwright Tennessee Williams at the end of his career. No matter how different these people may seem, the chapters are united by the author's sensitivity and insight and by her ear for the telling truth. She has a gift for finding profound human drama in each person's life.

For this volume, Blais has written brief epilogues to each chapter, as well as a final essay in which she offers an affectionate account of her early years as a journalist.

"These portraits are fascinating reading. Blais's storytelling instincts and techniques are superb. She

knows how to weave in those seemingly insignificant details that reveal so much. Her ability to evoke character is remarkable. I enjoyed reading every piece."—Nancy Roberts, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

A columnist for *Newsday* and the *Boston Globe* and a contributing writer to the *Washington Post Magazine*, MADELEINE BLAIS teaches journalism at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. In 1980, while on the staff of the *Miami Herald*, she won a Pulitzer prize for feature writing. GENEVA OVERHOLSER is editor of the *Des Moines Register*.

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# Deep Are the Roots

## Memoirs of a Black Expatriate

Gordon Heath

*Introduction by Doris Abramson*

An accomplished actor whose career spanned five decades on the stages of New York, London, and Paris, Gordon Heath (1918–1991) achieved national prominence in 1945 for his starring role in the Broadway production of *Deep Are the Roots*, a searing exploration of American race relations at the close of World War II. By 1948, like other black artists before him, he had moved to France. With his longtime companion, Lee Payant, he opened the nightclub L'Abbaye in Paris and continued to perform on stage in Great Britain, Europe, and the United States. Reviewing the New York production of *Oedipus* in 1970, Clive Barnes wrote in the *New York Times*, “A man born to play the prince, Mr. Heath has an instinctive nobility and moves and talks with all the natural authority of a classic hero.”

In this delightful and poignant memoir, Heath tells the story of his formative years—his childhood on Manhattan’s West Side, his summer sojourns at a camp for black youngsters in upstate New York, his awakening sexuality, his education in and out of school, his training in music, art, voice, and dance, and his plunge into a life in the theater. Recounting his experiences from Broadway to London’s West End, he offers deft sketches of such friends as Owen Dodson, Elia Kazan, and Pearl Primus. The result is an



engaging portrait of a black artist as a young man and an important contribution to theater history.

“Heath speaks in a distinctive and authoritative voice about an aspect of American cultural history rarely recorded. The aspirations, successes, and often tragic isolation of an African-American artist at midcentury is a gripping story that needs to be told. Heath does it vividly with detailed recollections of black social and intellectual life in New York during the 1930s, 1940s,

and 1950s. . . . Beyond the significant cultural history recorded here is the hauntingly beautiful and honest account of a rich life.”—Richard Trousdell

Professor of theater emeritus at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, DORIS ABRAMSON is author of *Negro Playwrights in the American Theatre, 1925–1959*.

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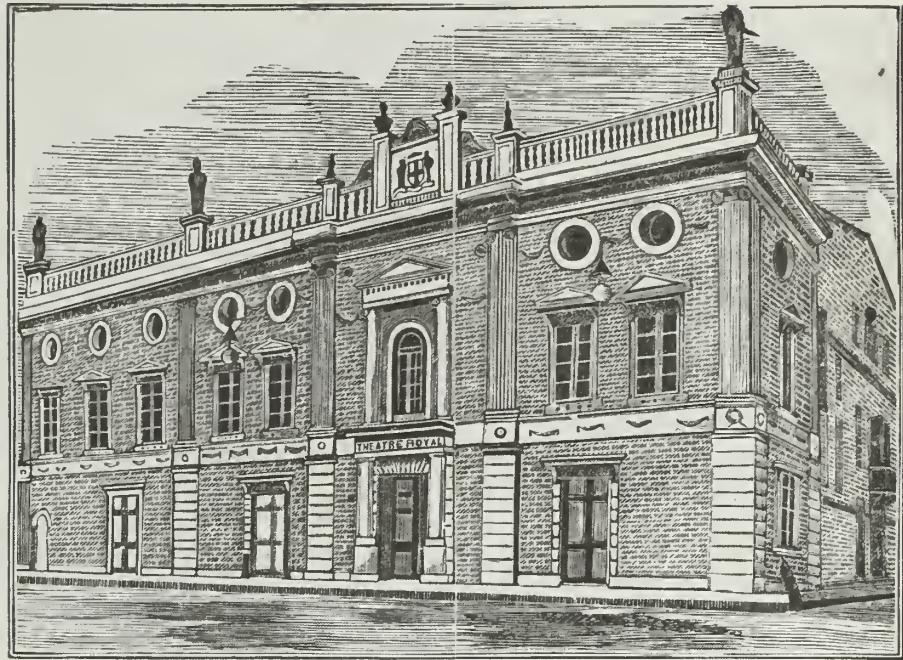
# The Jamaican Stage, 1655–1900

## Profile of a Colonial Theatre

Errol Hill

A distinguished scholar here offers a thorough and lively account of the Jamaican stage, arguably the most prominent theatre of its kind in the British colonies through 1900. Errol Hill discusses the struggle to maintain viable playhouses, the fortunes of visiting professional troupes, and the emergence of an indigenous theatre. He documents the plays written and produced through the end of the nineteenth century, presenting them against the background of a society emerging in the 1830s from a slave-holding system. He also explores the rituals, festivals, and other forms of entertainment enjoyed by the broad underclass of Jamaicans, most of whom were slaves or slave descendants, and who today number over 90 percent of the island's population.

By examining the record of theatrical production on the one hand, and the variety of indigenous performance on the other, Hill shows how a synthesis of native and foreign elements has occurred. He calls particular attention to the use of the Creole language, new performance patterns, and the integration of music, dance, mime, and masking. In the Epilogue, he extends his discussion to the anglophone Caribbean which has become politically independent of Britain.



“A masterpiece indeed. . . . I expect that it will be nominated for various scholarly and literary awards due to the impressive array of archival research on which Hill’s conclusions are based and the eloquent, engaging style in which the work is written.”—VeVe A. Clark, University of California, Berkeley

ERROL HILL is John D. Willard Professor of Drama and Oratory emeritus at Dartmouth College. His many books include *The Theatre of Black Americans* and *The Trinidad Carnival: Mandate for a National Theatre*.

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*By the same author*

## Shakespeare in Sable

### A History of Black Shakespearean Actors

*Foreword by John Houseman*

*Winner of the Bertram L. Joseph Award for Achievement in Shakespeare Studies*

*Winner of the American Theatre Association’s Barnard Hewitt Award*  
*A Choice Outstanding Academic Book*

“This splendid volume gathers together the lives of dozens of black men and women who struggled to achieve careers performing Shakespeare.”—*Black American Literature Forum*

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# Destiny and Race

## Selected Writings, 1840–1898

Alexander Crummell

Edited by Wilson Jeremiah Moses

A major nineteenth-century reformer and intellectual, Alexander Crummell (1819–1898) was the first black American to receive a degree from Cambridge University. Upon graduation, he sailed to Liberia, where from 1853 to 1872 he worked as a farmer, educator, small business operator, and Episcopal missionary. Returning to America in 1873, he established St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C., serving as its pastor until 1894. Crummell remained active in the black community throughout his later years and in 1897 founded the American Negro Academy, which he intended as a challenge to the power of Booker T. Washington's accommodationist philosophy.

Throughout his long life, Crummell was a prolific, sometimes controversial, and often acerbic writer. His pioneering work on black nationalism, black self-determination, and Pan-Africanism influenced many African-American leaders of his day, including W.E.B. Du Bois, who devoted a chapter to Crummell in *The Souls of Black Folk*. Crummell's surviving papers include over four hundred sermons and political essays and a voluminous correspondence.

Despite his importance to American and African-American history, Crummell is little known today. With the exception of the facsimile

reprints of two of his books in the 1960s, there have been no modern printings of his work. This volume is intended to restore Crummell's voice and to prompt a reevaluation of his writings.

“Crummell lived between the three continents whose triangular trade both created the African American and substantially shaped many aspects of contemporary African intellectual life. Exploring this black Atlantic culture is one of the most interesting of the projects of African and African-American studies, of American studies, and of cultural studies at the moment. Moses's volume will be an important contribution to that project.”

—Anthony Appiah, Duke University

“This collection could not be more timely. More than any other scholar since Du Bois, Wilson Moses has established Crummell's importance as a major source of African-American thought. . . . Clearly, Crummell's time has come.”

—Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Harvard University

WILSON JEREMIAH MOSES is director of Afro-American studies and professor of English and history at Boston University. His books include *The Golden Age of Black Nationalism, 1850–1925* and *Black Messiahs and Uncle Toms: Social and Literary Manipulations of a Religious Myth*.

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## Alexander Crummell

### A Study of Civilization and Discontent

Wilson Jeremiah Moses

In this probing intellectual biography, Wilson Jeremiah Moses has created a masterful portrait of one of the most prominent African-American intellectuals of the nineteenth century. He also provides a thoughtful reinterpretation of black American life and letters during this period in United States history.

"This work leaves no room for scholars ever again to ignore [Crummell] as a leader, missionary, or thinker. . . . Moses shows the source, substance, and significance of much of Crummell's thinking. He focuses especially on ideas of Christianity, civilization, law and order, and the destiny of the African race. . . . With exemplary detection and perception, Moses lays bare a complex man. He reveals a Crummell who acted too often like a potentate and was never a man of the people. He shows empathy but offers few apologies for his subject. He champions not the man but his measure, and he has advanced assessment by uncovering obscured details and correcting commonplace errors. Indeed, he has made major finds, such as the ANA [American Negro Academy] constitution and by-laws that appear as an appendix. . . . In sum, Moses has produced



another major work. It ranks among the best biographies of any 19th-century Afro-American."—Thomas J. Davis, *Afro-Americans in New York Life and History*

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# When This Cruel War Is Over

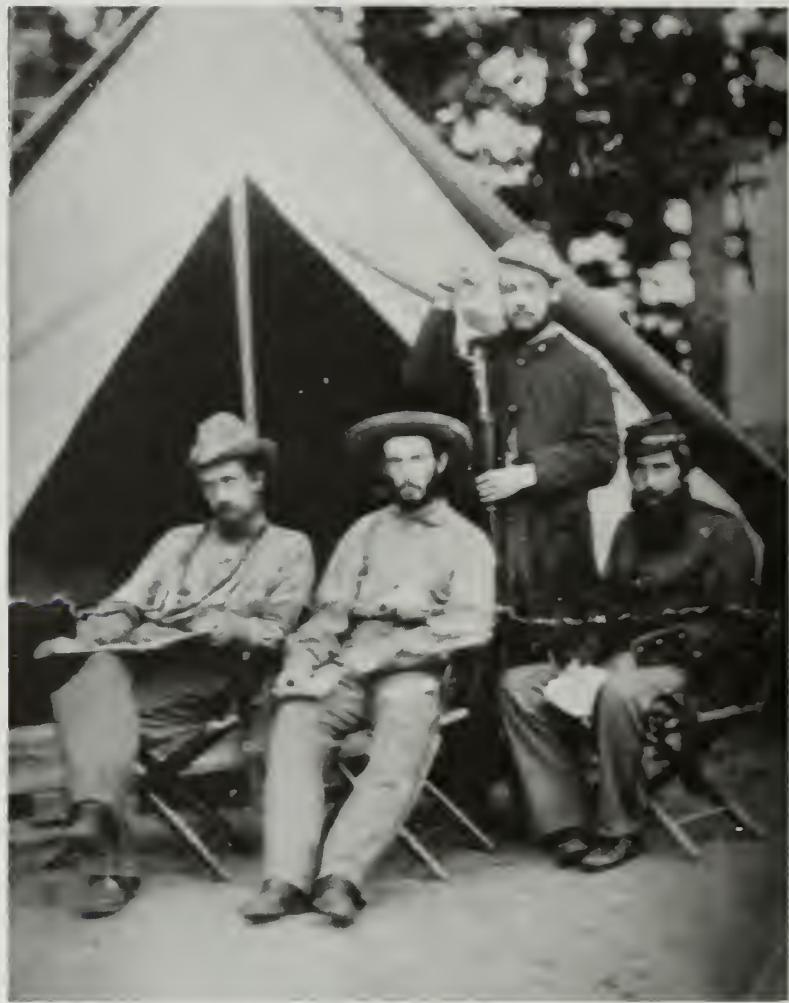
## The Civil War Letters of Charles Harvey Brewster

*Edited with an introduction by  
David W. Blight*

"I am scared most to death every battle we have, but I don't think you need be afraid of my sneaking away unhurt." Thus wrote Adjutant Charles Harvey Brewster of the 10th Massachusetts to his sister Mattie in 1864, in one of over 200 letters he would pen during his four years of service.

Born and raised in Northampton, Massachusetts, Brewster was a twenty-seven-year-old store clerk when he enlisted in Company C of the 10th Massachusetts Volunteers in April 1861. During the next three and a half years he fought in many of the major battles of the Virginia campaigns—Fair Oaks, the Seven Days, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, the "Bloody Angle" at Spotsylvania—rising through the ranks to become second lieutenant and later adjutant of his regiment. His letters, most of which were written to his mother and two sisters, record not only the horrors he witnessed on the battlefield, but also his inner struggle with his own values, convictions, and sense of manhood.

In a thoughtful and illuminating introductory essay, David W. Blight explores the evolution of Brewster's understanding of the terrible conflict in which he was engaged. Blight shows how Brewster's attitudes toward race and slavery gradually



changed, in part as a result of his contact with escaped slaves and his experience recruiting black troops. He also examines the shift in Brewster's conception of courage, as the realities of war collided with the romantic ideals he had previously embraced.

This recently discovered and exceptionally literate collection of 137 letters chronicles the experiences of an ordinary Union soldier caught up in extraordinary events. At times naive and sentimental, at times mature and realistic, Brewster's correspondence not only

provides remarkable insight into the meaning of the Civil War for the average Yankee, but also testifies to the persistent power of war to attract and repel the human imagination.

Author of *Frederick Douglass' Civil War: Keeping Faith in Jubilee*,  
DAVID W. BLIGHT is associate professor of history and black studies at Amherst College.

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## Hard at Play

### Leisure in America, 1840–1940

Edited by Kathryn Grover

In American society, the concepts of “leisure” and “play” usually have been defined in opposition to the idea of “work.” Yet as Dutch historian Johan Huizinga argued in his pathbreaking study *Homo Ludens*, the relationship between work and play is more complicated than this simple dichotomy suggests. Understood as a state of mind rather than as an activity, play can make the most challenging task relaxing, even joyful. At the same time, the pursuit of leisure can be serious business indeed.

*Hard at Play* is a collection of original essays that examine the role of leisure in American culture from the antebellum period to World War II. Encompassing a variety of disciplinary approaches, the pieces cover a wide range of topics, from roller skating and riflery to photography and “free play.” Some of the essays explore how the upper and middle classes established boundaries around “appropriate” forms of recreation in order to distance themselves from the working class. Others demonstrate how gender and ethnicity circumscribed leisure pursuits. Still other essays document the transition of both individuals and families from a posed and formal social life to a more relaxed, candid, and intimate domestic world.

The book includes more than 150 illustrations, as well as a glossary of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century games and pastimes.

KATHRYN GROVER is an independent researcher, writer, and editor. She is editor of *Dining in America, 1850–1900* and *Fitness in American Culture: Images of Health, Sport, and the Body, 1830–1940*, both copublished by the University of Massachusetts Press and the Strong Museum.

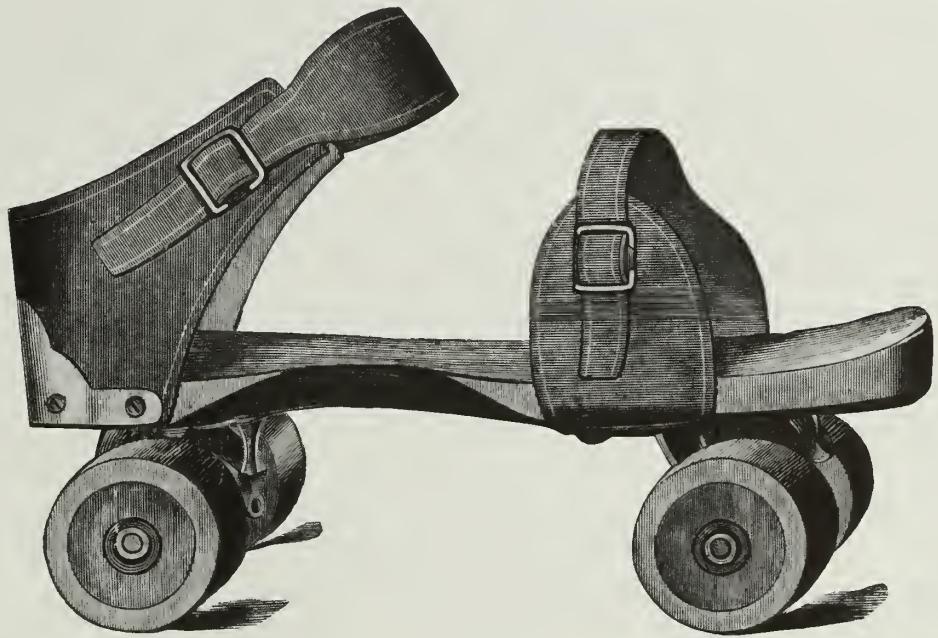
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# Planning the City upon a Hill

Boston since 1630

Lawrence W. Kennedy

Since Boston's founding in 1630, when John Winthrop called upon its inhabitants to create a model "city upon a hill," the city's topography has been shaped and reshaped by the decisions of political leaders, business people, and ordinary citizens. Early on, hills were leveled to fill in mudflats, channels, and parts of the harbor; seawalls were constructed to extend the shoreline; wharves were built to accommodate the needs of merchants. Later, with the development of new technologies, transportation and communication lines were laid down and periodically extended, a process that facilitated the growth and annexation of suburbs.

In this extensively illustrated book, Lawrence W. Kennedy traces the planning history of Boston's built environment from the colonial period into the 1990s, showing how technologic, demographic, and economic changes transformed the city over almost four centuries. He explores how such innovators as Charles Bulfinch, Josiah Quincy, Frederick Law Olmsted, and Edward Logue transformed the city, how the Back Bay evolved, how the West End was destroyed, and how the "New Boston" emerged. The book concludes with a discussion of the explosive downtown building boom of the 1980s and a look at how the process of city planning in Boston has evolved over time.



"Kennedy has provided the most comprehensive and satisfactory discussion of the spectacular growth and renaissance of [postwar] Boston that we have had to date."—Stanley K. Schultz, author of *Constructing Urban Culture*

"Kennedy serves as a fine guide to the public dimensions of Boston's building process. He follows both the process and the significance of all the major projects—public, private, and mixed—from the first wharves to the latest skyscrapers.

Surely here is the book that should follow upon Walter Whitehill's classic *Topographical History*."

—Sam Bass Warner, Jack Meyerhoff Professor of Environmental Studies, Brandeis University

A consulting historian for the Boston Redevelopment Authority, **LAWRENCE W. KENNEDY** teaches history at Boston College.

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# Founding Farms

## Portraits of Five Massachusetts Family Farms

Photographs by Stan Sherer  
Profiles by Michael E. C. Gery

With each passing year, the number of family farms in the United States diminishes. Fewer people have the persistence and ingenuity to wrest a livelihood from the land in an era of corporate ownership and mass production. Yet some family farms survive.

Through words and photographs, this book documents the long lives of five of the oldest farms in Massachusetts. Each has remained in the same family for more than two, sometimes three, centuries and each

has a distinctive history. The devotion to land and family heritage is palpable in the stories these five families tell.

Stan Sherer's remarkable photographs depict the activities of family members as they go about their daily labors, planting crops, feeding animals, applying new technologies to ancient tasks, and coping with the vagaries of weather and state regulations. Michael E. C. Gery's narrative traces how the farms began, what has sustained them through the generations, and how the families who run them today feel about their past, present, and future. These stories are told largely through the words of the people themselves.

The result is a complex portrait that moves beyond traditional

stereotypes to reveal the realities of family farm life in an increasingly urbanized society.

A photojournalist and art photographer, **STAN SHERER** has had commissions from *Time*, *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Africa Report*, and *Yankee*, as well as from the Associated Press and United Press International. **MICHAEL E. C. GERY** is a journalist with the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is writing a history of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

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# Clambake

## A History and Celebration of an American Tradition

Kathy Neustadt

On each third Thursday in August since 1888, the Quakers of Allen's Neck in southeastern Massachusetts have gathered together for a community clambake. Every facet of the clambake process is embedded with the group's history and values, from the collecting and stacking of firewood, rocks, and seaweed, through the cooking and serving of clams, corn, sweet potatoes, and other delectables, to the final cleanup.

In this informative and engaging ethnographic study of one of America's most venerable and unique eating events, Kathy Neustadt weaves together careful scholarship, hands-on experience, and theoretical reflection. Using the Allen's Neck clambake as a primary example, she presents a history of clambaking in New England as a regional tradition with political and cultural roots and discusses the deeper meanings of tradition itself. She also explores how rituals and festivals engender a sense of identity

and belonging in the people who engage in them.

"For some time the fields of folklore and American studies have needed in-depth analyses of the ways in which local celebrations can enter into the negotiations for local identity. Neustadt—a writer first and foremost, with a fine sense of the dramatic scene—has produced a model text to meet this need."

—Roger D. Abrahams, Hum Rosen  
Professor of Folklore and Folklife,  
University of Pennsylvania

"An important contribution to the field, not only for its exemplary fieldwork but also for the provocative

questions it raises about the nature of knowing. I know of no study that so thoroughly covers the possibilities for analysis of this subject."—Kay Mussell, editor of *Ethnic and Regional Foodways in the United States*

KATHY NEUSTADT is an independent scholar who earned her doctorate in folklore and folklife.

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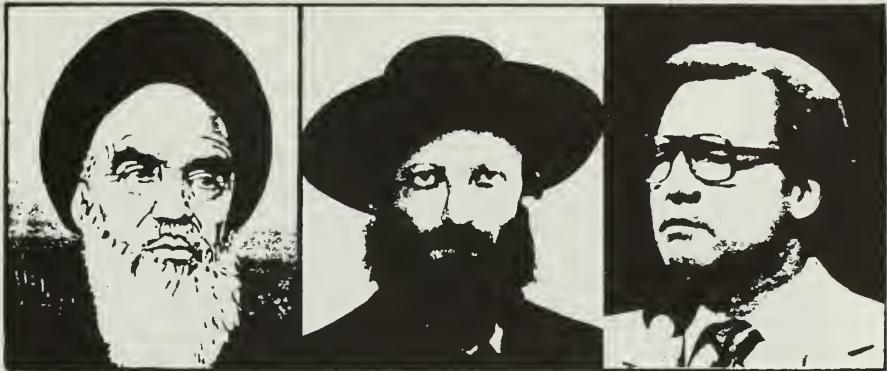


# Fundamentalism in Comparative Perspective

Edited by Lawrence Kaplan

Arising from a dispute among conservative American Protestants in the early twentieth century, the term "fundamentalist" has been applied in recent years to a wide range of people—Christian, Jewish, and Muslim—who have revolted against what they see as the heresies of the modern world. How do various fundamentalisms manifest themselves, and what do they have in common? To what extent is fundamentalism a burgeoning global phenomenon, and to what extent a series of isolated expressions of religious zealotry? These are some of the questions addressed in this timely volume.

Martin E. Marty opens the collection with his essay "Fundamentals of Fundamentalism." Leo P. Ribuffo then offers an analysis of



evangelical Protestantism in America from the late nineteenth century through the 1950s. Steve Bruce follows with a critique of the new Christian right, which emerged in the 1980s under the leadership of Jerry Falwell. Subsequent essays discuss Catholic integralism as a fundamentalism (John A. Coleman, S.J.), the Islamic resurgence in the Middle East and North Africa (Emmanuel Sivan), the distinctive case of Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran (Ervand Abrahamian), fundamentalism and the vexed issue of women's rights in Afghanistan (Valentine M.

Moghadam), Jewish fundamentalism (Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg), and the opposing poles of radical religious belief in contemporary Israel (Menachem Friedman).

LAWRENCE KAPLAN is professor of history at City College of the City University of New York. He is author of *Politics and Religion during the English Revolution* and editor of *Revolutions: A Comparative Study*.

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## Women's Madness

### Misogyny or Mental Illness?

Jane M. Ussher

Why do so many more women than men experience depression? Are women who are labeled "mad" simply coping as best they can in a misogynistic society, or do they suffer from true mental illness? Do the psychiatric and medical professions exacerbate women's feelings of alienation by defining as pathological what may be perfectly sane reactions to oppression and violence? Ussher addresses these and other questions in her thought-provoking book, which examines the nature and causes of women's depression and situates female "madness" firmly in the socio-political arena.

Jane Ussher begins by looking at manifestations of misogyny in several Western cultures, paying particular attention to witchcraft. She then critiques various concepts of madness—including those from sociologists, Marxists, and feminists—and exposes their failure to explain adequately women's experience of this phenomenon. Moving to a discussion of how and why women become or are labeled "mad," she analyzes current practices of intervention by the psychiatric and medical communities. She concludes by offering alternative methods of treatment that reconcile the needs of individual women with the needs of women as a group.

"A comprehensive and timely treatise. This book is a provocative feminist interpretation of women and madness."—Bonnie R. Strickland, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

"One of the strengths of [Ussher's] approach is her ability to wield concepts and ideas from a number of disciplines—for example, biomedical terminology and literature—with a deft assurance, while making such evidence clear and interesting. . . . A vivid, clear, and

accessible book."—Maggie Humm, author of *The Dictionary of Feminist Theory*

JANE M. USSHER is lecturer in psychology at Sussex University. Her books include *The Psychology of the Female Body* and *Gender Issues in Clinical Psychology*.

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# The Home Plot

## Women, Writing, and Domestic Ritual

Ann Romines

In this finely crafted study, Ann Romines builds on twenty years of feminist scholarship to show how domestic ritual—the practice and tradition of housekeeping—has helped shape the substance and tone of some of the best fiction by American women. Examining works by Harriet Beecher Stowe, Sarah Orne Jewett, Mary Wilkins Freeman, Willa Cather, and Eudora Welty, Romines argues that one cannot fully appreciate this writing unless one understands the domestic codes in which it is inscribed.

Romines opens with the American realist period, when women such as Stowe and Jewett began to experiment with plots generated by the rhythms of domestic ritual. Chapter 2 is an extended reading of Jewett's *The Country of the Pointed Firs*, showing how the silent, traditional language of housekeeping becomes the medium for an autobiographical writer and her sibylline mentor. In chapter 3, Romines shows how Freeman devised a very different strategy, counterpointing climactic plots against relentless repetitions in ways that evoke the stresses and satisfactions of housekeepers' lives.

Chapters 4 and 5 discuss Cather's ambitious career. Although at first determined to avoid the constraints of domesticity in her writing, Cather



increasingly was drawn to women's culture, and her later novels include several triumphant experiments with domestic fiction. The final two chapters, on Eudora Welty, reveal how the priorities of housekeeping have marked her fiction from beginning to end.

By reading domestic ritual as a gendered language, Romines seeks to reclaim one of the oldest female traditions—housekeeping—from trivialization and devaluation. In the process, she brings fresh insight to the work of five important American novelists.

"In this important and stimulating study, Romines helps to pioneer a new direction in feminist criticism, one that locates women's aesthetics in their material practices, particularly in the rituals of domestic labor."—Josephine Donovan, University of Maine, Orono

ANN ROMINES is associate professor of English at George Washington University.

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# Princes, Peasants, and Other Polish Selves

## Ethnicity in American Literature

Thomas S. Gladsky

This book is a case study of the way in which ethnic identities are created and shaped by literature, focusing on the American image of the Pole from the 1830s to the present. Using a vast range of writings, some well known and others long neglected, Thomas S. Gladsky shows how the nineteenth-century view of the Pole as kindred spirit or "beau ideal" was supplanted by other literary models—anarchist, peasant, proletarian, antisemite—and culminated in the present-day idea of ethnicity as the heart of "Americanness."

Part One traces the history of Polish ethnicity through the literary inventions of "host-culture" American writers, showing how these surrogates of "otherness" served the needs of a developing national literature. Gladsky deals tactfully with the delicate relationships between Poles and Jews in an extended chapter on Isaac Singer and other Jewish American writers. He also offers extensive treatments of the writings of William Styron, Nelson Algren, Tennessee Williams, James Michener, and Jerzy Kosinski.

In Part Two, Gladsky explores the Polish self through the lens of contemporary "descent" writers

such as Gary Gildner, Anthony Bukoski, Stuart Dybek, Richard Bankowsky, and Anne Pellowski, who have created their own literary images while reflecting on their ethnic heritage.

Throughout the book Gladsky links changing perceptions of Polish ethnicity to broader social and historical currents, showing how the Polish literary self has been a repository of American cultural history.

"An extremely intelligent, sophisticated study that perceptively extends Werner Sollor's insights in *Beyond Ethnicity*. All in all, it is a

work that fills a need, done almost impeccably."—Jules Chametzky, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

"Will undoubtedly serve as a point of reference for years to come. . . . A pioneering effort of the first order."—Thomas J. Napierkowski, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

THOMAS S. GLADSKY is professor of English at Central Missouri State University.

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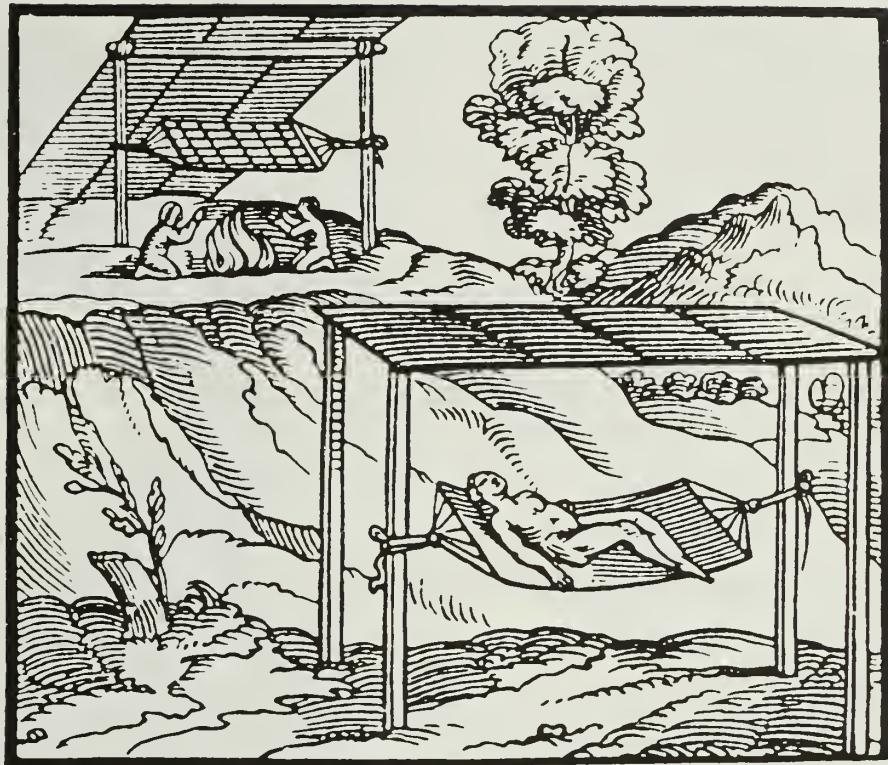
# Myth and History in Caribbean Fiction

Alejo Carpentier, Wilson Harris, and Edouard Glissant  
Barbara J. Webb

At a time of growing interest in postcolonial writing, this volume offers a stimulating comparative study of three major Caribbean novelists: Alejo Carpentier, Wilson Harris, and Edouard Glissant. Despite differences of language and background, these writers from Cuba, Guyana, and Martinique have much in common. Each has written extensively on the shared heritage of the peoples of the Caribbean and each has been influential in redefining the poetics of the novel in the context of New World culture.

Barbara J. Webb shows how these writers use the myths and legends that arose from the clash of Amerindian, African, and European cultures in the New World as vehicles for historical inquiry. Their fiction can be seen as creative explorations of a violent history of rupture and exploitation and of the possibility of new beginnings.

Through close readings of ten novels, Webb examines how Carpentier, Harris, and Glissant interpret such folk traditions as the maroon legends, the myth of El



Dorado, and carnival in their different approaches to problems of cultural identity, historical reality, and literary creativity.

“Webb has chosen the three most challenging and innovative writers from the English, French, and Spanish speaking Caribbean. Although she emphasizes the parallels in the theoretical and creative projects of the three writers, she does not gloss over significant variations and differences. . . . It is a very readable study written in a

refreshingly clear style. I highly recommend it.”—Reinhard Sander, Amherst College

BARBARA J. WEBB is assistant professor of English at Hunter College, C.U.N.Y., where she teaches African-American and postcolonial literature.

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# A Tradition of Subversion

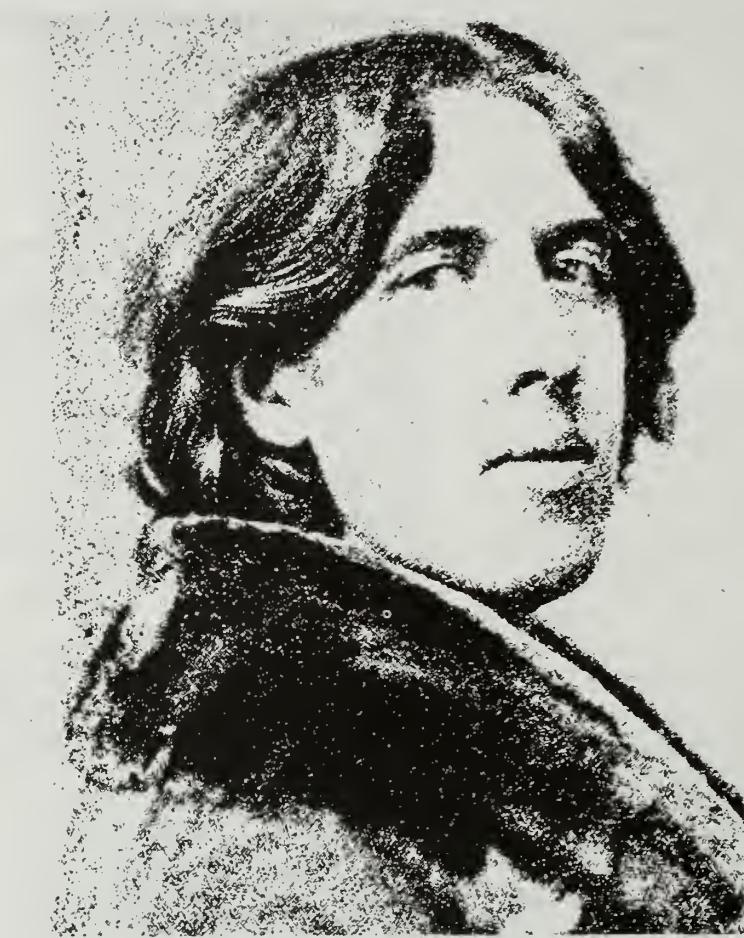
## The Prose Poem in English from Wilde to Ashbery

Margueritte S. Murphy

From its inception in nineteenth-century France, the prose poem has embraced an aesthetic of shock and innovation rather than tradition and convention. In this suggestive study, Margueritte S. Murphy both explores the history of this genre in Anglo-American literature and provides a model for reading the prose poem, irrespective of language or national literature.

Murphy argues that the prose poem is an inherently subversive genre, one that must perpetually undermine prosaic conventions in order to validate itself as authentically "other." At the same time, each prose poem must to some degree suggest a traditional prose genre in order successfully to subvert it. The prose poem is thus of special interest as a genre in which the traditional and the new are brought inevitably and continually into conflict.

Beginning with a discussion of the French prose poem and its adoption in England by the Decadents, Murphy examines the effects of this association on later poets such as T. S. Eliot. She also explores the perception of the prose poem as an androgynous genre. Then, with a sensitivity to the sociopolitical



nature of language, she draws on the work of Mikhail Bakhtin to illuminate the ideology of the genre and explore its subversive nature.

The bulk of the book is devoted to insightful readings of William Carlos Williams's *Kora in Hell*, Gertrude Stein's *Tender Buttons*, and John Ashbery's *Three Poems*. As notable examples of the American prose poem, these works demonstrate the range of this genre's radical and experimental possibilities.

"Very timely, very readable, thoughtful, and useful. I can't see how anyone interested in modern poetry could fail to be interested in it. Murphy is a very capable new voice on the poetry scene."

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MARGUERITTE S. MURPHY is assistant professor of English at Bentley College.

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June 1992

# Tasker Street

Mark Halliday

*Winner of the 1991 Juniper Prize, the annual poetry award sponsored by the University of Massachusetts Press*

Written in the tones and rhythms of everyday speech, Mark Halliday's poems focus obsessively on gaps between people and the questions that arise when we try to bridge those gaps through language. Some poems explore the fissures created by race, gender, and class. More often, though, the kinds of separation and alienation evoked in *Tasker Street* emerge from the sheer fact of difference between one consciousness and another. The poems wonder how the pain and frustration of this isolation may at times be relieved or counterbalanced through empathy, love, and art.

The possibility that lost selves may be rescued through language haunts the first of the book's four sections. The poems in the second section, mostly autobiographical, emphasize the need for a feeling that one's life is significant, not perpetually dissolving. In the third section, Halliday struggles to imagine the inner lives of people against the obliterative force of the multiplicity of selves. Six final poems crystallize yearnings for some sense of consolation and renewed confidence.

"*Tasker Street* is a disarming, fresh, comic assault. These poems restlessly dismantle easy assumptions about our lives. The anti-hero at the heart of this collection would awaken fearful—and, finally, affectionate—emotions at a family reunion. These rich, expansive poems have a neurasthenic energy and a mad verve that I greatly enjoy." —James Tate

MARK HALLIDAY's first book of poems, *Little Star*, was a National Poetry Series selection in 1987. He has also written a critical study, *Stevens and the Interpersonal*, published in 1991. He teaches at Wilmington Friends School in Delaware.

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## Planets in Peril

### A Critical Study of C. S. Lewis's Ransom Trilogy

David C. Downing

Literary scholar, novelist, and Christian apologist, C. S. Lewis was a remarkable and enigmatic man. He is perhaps best known today for his popular series of children's books, the *Chronicles of Narnia*, which continue to sell more than a million copies a year. He also wrote science fiction in the form of interplanetary fantasies—a series of three novels known as the Ransom Trilogy. This book offers the first full-length critical assessment of that trilogy, placing the three volumes in the context of Lewis's life and work.

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sies. Downing also examines the chief imaginative and intellectual sources of the trilogy and addresses persistent issues raised by reviewers and critics: Was Lewis's lifelong devotion to fantasy a mark of intellectual independence or a case of "arrested emotional development"? Were his views on women sexist, even misogynist? How much of his critique of modern science and technology was well informed and how much the result of prejudice or habitual suspicion of all things modern?

A brief appendix on "The Dark Tower" fragment provides what background is known about this mysterious document, summarizes the story as far as Lewis developed it, and comments on how this unfinished work fits in with the Ransom books published during Lewis's lifetime.

DAVID C. DOWNING is professor of English at Westmont College.

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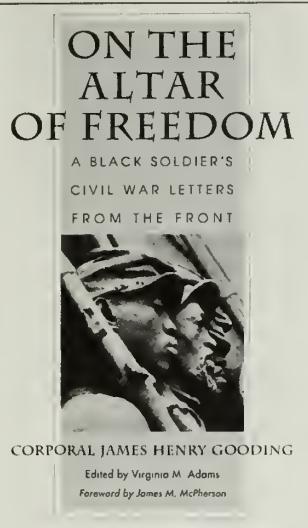
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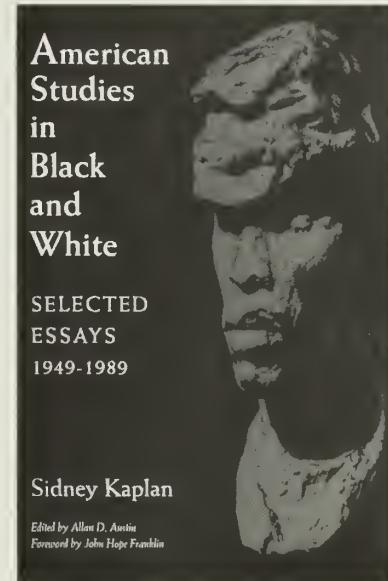
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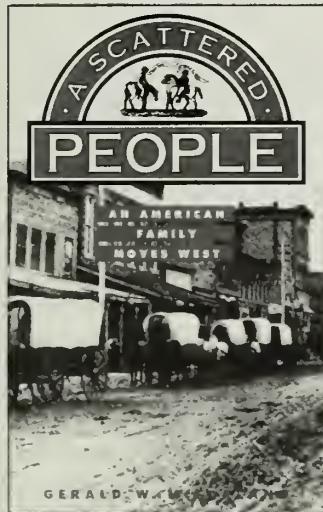
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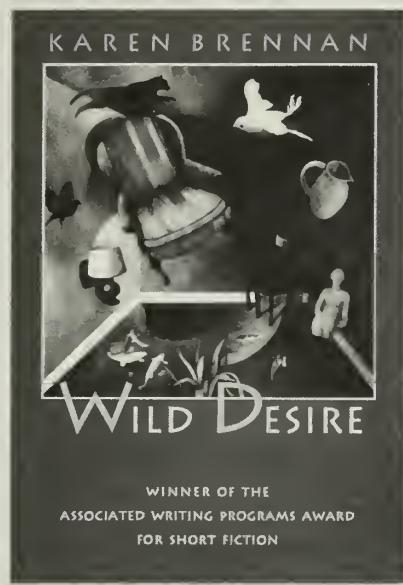
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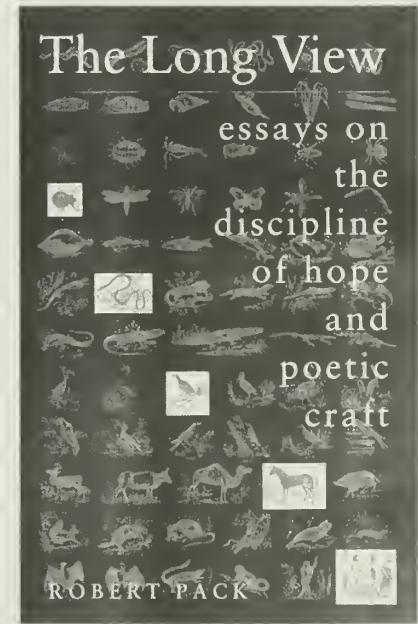
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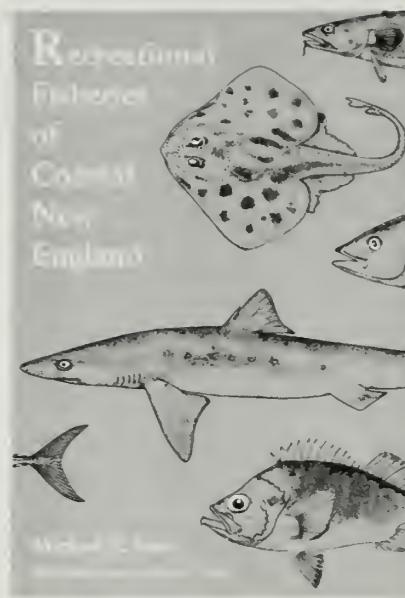
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